

**Outreach Feedback from Meadowbrook Community Center
2011**

#1 What the Parks Department should we prioritize?

- Child care, K- 5 programs
- After school programs
- Consolidate adult and senior programs
- Teen programs
- Multicultural programs
- Young family events,
- Mom's and Dad's night out, inexpensive babysitting
- Pool hours classes and events
- Healthy Parks healthy you
- Adverting in particular
- Social media
- Brochures
- Reader board
- Email
- City Web site
- Blogs
- Volunteer web support
- Ties to library
- Partnerships
- Food growing
- Recreational fitness for kids healthy sports
- Editable forest 4-H
- After school tutoring/care
- Nature programs
- Local lifelong recreation
- Use volunteers for running daily operations of community center
- All ages programming
- Intergenerational activities
- Research neighborhood for similar programs that the community can get elsewhere
- Affordable solutions for large families
- Exercise /classes
- Exercise classes
- Preschool before and after school care
- Events /Halloween, spring, Holiday celebrations
- Middle school and teen programs get funding so everyone can participate
- Teen life center
- Pool classes and events
- Sports
- Environmental programs, community gardens, creeks, orchards, ponds

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2 What should we keep doing?

- Grant writing
- School age care
- Food programs grow, cook eat and share
- Greater use of volunteers
- Nature programming
- Strong connection to lifelong learning
- All ages sports programs
- Things that make money
- Use business analysis to review operations
- Social economic balance
- Scholarships
- Serve all income levels
- Support community meetings
- Rental space
- Youth employment
- AmeriCorps
- Service learning
- Keep brochures distribute more thoughtfully

3 What should we stop doing?

- Duplications of programs in a Geo area
- Schedule by time of day instead of by population
- Stick to know exercise programs
- Be careful about messaging to the public community center users that programs will be cut because they might leave or go somewhere else
- Limited free events if it is free sell something to make revenue
- Stop limiting staff rental times and begin to look for volunteers
- Does the income from Concession cover the cost of staff to manage the contracts
- Stop the Wars
- Over paying Administrators
- Stop discussing privatization of the Community centers
- Stop the top level maintenance on Golf courses and charge higher fees
- Shift the decision making to Park Board instead of City Council
- Find creative funding solutions
- Stop outsourcing, Consultants
- Tax dollars used for maintenance not just purchase and development
- Stop duplication of programs in a Geo Area
- Adding childcare when adult classes are occur to increase participation for families
- More funding sources
- Evaluate every class

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#4 What can you do?

- Join the Advisory council
- Join other groups that support Parks and community
- Volunteer to fill in the gaps for staffing reductions
- Social media share site with friends
- Corporate sponsors
- Communicate with Government officials
- Attend classes and programs at Center
- Advertise locally posters facebook
- Bring in Donors
- Grant writing
- Varied decision makers
- Volunteering
- Being in partnerships